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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2002, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

17. (Amended) A method of infusing a dye into a surface of a plastic material having a solubility parameter δ, comprising the steps of:

dissolving a dye and a plasticizer into an aggressive solvent having a solubility parameter δ to form a solution; and

contacting the surface of the plastic with the solution.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the plastic material comprises a plastic matrix and the dissolved plasticizer in the solution provides local surface mobility to the plastic matrix.

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